

THE X-12-ARIMA FAME INTERFACE

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An interface has been added to the *X-12-ARIMA* program which allows users to input series from a **FAME** database, and to store the output series which normally would be written to ASCII datasets in a **FAME** database. Of course, the user must have a **FAME** license, and the **FAME Host Language Interface(HLI)** libraries.

1 UNIX Considerations

To use the **FAME** interface, you must first:

- Copy **fhli.o** and **hliinc.txt** from your **FAME HLI** library to your source library.
- Edit the Makefile to reflect the path name of your **FAME** library instead of /OPT/FAMELIB/HLI at the beginning of the Makefile where **FAMELIB** is specified.
- Create the **x12a** program and move it to the appropriate library.

It is useful to create a script like the following to execute the program. Assume that /usr/famelib is your **FAME** library, that /opt/x12arima/source is your source library for X-12-ARIMA, and that the executable is **x12a** in /opt/x12arima. The following script sets the **FAME** environmental variable, copies **x12a.mdl** to your working directory, and calls the program:

```
#!/bin/csh -f
setenv FAME /usr/famelib
cp /opt/x12arima/source/x12a.mdl .
/opt/x12arima/x12a $*
```

If the script is named **x12arima**, and the input specifications are given in **input.spc**, the program can be executed with:
x12arima input

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If a single series is to be retrieved from a **FAME** database, give the **FAME** series name with the **name** keyword in the series spec. Specify the pathname of the database with the **file** keyword. If you would like to use the same input control statements with every series in a **FAME** namelist, indicate the namelist name with the keyword **fnlist** and the **FAME** database where the namelist is located with **fnlmdb**. (Of course if **file** is missing from the series spec and **fnlmdb** is given, the program will assume that the **fnlmdb** database is where the input series can be found.)

You may retrieve user series for regression variables by specifying the **FAME** database name with the **regdb** keyword in the regression spec. A **FAME** namelist of user series may be given with the keyword **regfulst** and the path-name of its database with **regfusdb**.

To store series in a **FAME** database, give the full pathname of the output database with the keyword **famesave**. After the output database is specified, all tables retrieved with the **save** keyword will be stored in the **FAME** database. Normally the **FAME** name of the output series will be created by appending the table name to the series name. For example, table **d8** for series **ser** would be **ser.d8**. There are more meaningful extensions, though for certain tables to create more consistency with **FAME** names.

TABLE	EXTENSION
*****	*****
d10	seas
d11	adju
d12	tren
d13	irre
d16	comb
c16	trad

3 Sample input - without namelists

```
series{
  format='fame'
  title='Outlier adjustment for furniture'
  name='bfrnrs'
  file='/myhome/mydir/mydb.db'
  span=(1967.1,1989.2)
  famesave='/mysec/secdir/out.db'
}
transform{
  function=log
}
```

```

regression{
    variables=(
        td ao1973.02 ls1974.11 ls1978.04 ls1981.10
        user=(t1, t2, t3, t4, t5, t6, t7)
        regdb = '/myhome/uservars.db'
    )
}
arima{
    model(0 1 1)(0 1 1)
    ma=(
        0.3104
        0.6572
    )
}
estimate{
}
check{
}
x11{
    mode=mult
    title=("Outlier TD run for retail furniture sales")
    print=(
        default
    )
    save=(d10 d11)
}

```

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```

series{
    span=(1986.1,1995.12)
    decimals=1
    fnmldb='/myhome/tests/bill/tseries.db'
    fnlist='mylist2'
    famesave='/myhome/bill2/out.db'
}
transform{
    function=log
}
regression{
    regfulst='myregnam'
    regdb = '/myhome/tests/bill/myvar.db'
}

```

```

    regfusdb = '/myhome/mysec/uservar.db'
    start=1986.1
}
arima{
    model=(0 1 1)(1 0 1)12
    ar=(0.3)
}
estimate{
    tol=10e-4
}
regadjust{
    prior = (user)
    final = (user)
    print = (none usr )
    save = (usr)
}
x11{
    mode=mult
    sigmalim = (1.5 2.5)
    appendfcst = yes
    print=(none b1 replacsib9 seasonal adjustfac tdfac seasadj )
    save =(seasonal adjustfac tdfac seasadj )
}

```